

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2006

Monett, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order by Chief Chris Berndt about 1:15 p.m.
2. Mr. Richard May from Wal-Mart Corporate Security was introduced. He explained how things around the world affect Wal-Mart daily. He says he wants to become more familiar with us and what we do. He indicated attendees need to build a relationship with local Wal-Mart stores. These stores spend a lot of money supporting community efforts.
3. The November 29, 2005 meeting minutes were approved as written.
4. Chris asked for changes to the Agenda. Two items were added: 1) HSRT SOG and 2) Ozark Fire Charging for response.

5. Old Business:

- a. Communications Committee: Meeting postponed for lack of attendance. Only 3-4 were present for the meeting. The new Chair did not show.
- b. NIMS: Training for NIMS is posted on several websites, and Candy is distributing notices on upcoming training as it is received.
- c. Overhead Teams: Jimmy Sebree explained that Regions A and C Overhead team information has been received and reviewed. Most of the training needed has been identified. Greg Hickman has talked to the Wildland Fire folks and they are willing to partnership in this effort. Jim Charrier, SEMA, is willing to support us where he can. Region A team is not active but Region C team is active.

Chris Berndt explained that his only concern with the team concept is whether they will be used if people are trained and the team is established.

Note: A brown bag lunch meeting of the OMT workgroup will be held February 15, 2006 at Springfield Fire Station 8 at 12 noon.

- d. Regional Draft Plan: Joye explained that no comments had been received. Plan approved. Joye asked Candy if she had verified that the SEMA Duty Officer handbook appropriately reflected contact information for Nevada now that Bill Gillette is no longer Fire Chief. She indicated that she would personally verify the information during an upcoming trip to SEMA.

6. New Business:

- a. SOG for HSRTs: Mitch Randles went into great detail about what happened at the last meeting of the HSRT Planning Committee. It appears Kansas City does not want to play within the HSRT rules. They want to play under the mutual aid system. When aid is requested, KS City wants requesting agencies to identify specific items and outline the need to call each organization (police, fire, EMS) separately for the items they want. There is no central request center for the mutual aid system they want used. It appears KS City folks don't cooperate like we do in our region. Capt. Scott Zimmerman explained that the KS City teams did participate in the Titan Exercise process.

Mitch would like comments back on the HSRT SOG draft before the next meeting on February 15th.

- b. Fennewald Invitation: The desire to invite Paul Fennewald, State Homeland Security Coordinator to our February 15th meeting in Springfield was discussed. Joye was asked to write the letter of invitation (sent on January 24).
- c. Ozark Fire Charges along 10-mile stretch of US 65 and other conditions: Dan Whisler explained how Ozark Fire's new policy on charging motorists along US 65 who are not residents of their Fire District and responses outside their District may become a regional issue. For example, it will be hard to justify to Springfield citizens why they have to pay Ozark Fire if they have problems along US 65, but Springfield Fire response units to support Ozark or its citizens who have problems within Springfield receive free support. If citizens of other jurisdictions start seeing what is happening and begin demanding residents of the Ozarks Fire Protection District must repay for the same service or support, it's easy to foresee the impact to mutual aid and other services we in this room now provide because someone is in need. We do it and don't do it because someone can pay or not pay.

Jimmy Sebree indicated he understood at least two other Fire Protection Districts were already doing the same thing. One of the attendees was from one of those departments and he indicated he was not aware they were charging.

The question was also raised as to whether fire districts who are funded by sales taxes could charge for their services. Another question raised was how Ozark's new policy would affect the agreements they have for free mutual aid support.

Joye was asked to draft a letter to send to fire protection districts in the region to express concern with the approach being applied by Ozark Fire. The draft will be sent for comment before being sent out.

Mitch Randles agreed with Dan that Mutual Aid should stay "free".

Jimmy Sebree says he has met with Jay Wasson regarding this issue.

Lynn Hollandworth, Republic Fire, says Randy Cole has some real concern about this issue.

d. HAZMAT Teams:

- a. Joplin: Joplin has added a new firefighter who is a chemist. Jim Perkins explained how they have sent a letter to DNR regarding a recent problem with SunBelt. He says DNR wants to hear of any problems. DNR does not have signed contracts with the businesses listed on its contractor list.
- b. Nevada: Still no Chief. They are working to get a new trailer as the current one is not large enough. They still need a new tow truck for their trailer such as a Ford 450/550.
- c. L-R Fire: They are implementing a new barcoding inventory system to track their WMD and HazMat resources. They will be doing a lot of training over the next 6 months.
- d. Springfield: Dan said he is working on his new bomb truck, getting the lighting and generator installed and the truck delivered.
- e. Neosho: They have bids out for a new SUV for police.
- f. Western Taney County: Working on decon issues.

2) *Hospital Planner:* In Baltimore.

- 3) *7th CST:* Scott expressed his happiness to be back. They are doing hazmat training with BNSR in Springfield thanks to Bruce Bjorge's support. The CST has 22 hazmat techs qualified but they don't handle tanker cars. The response to Katrina identified the need for the CST members to be capable of doing traditional hazmat responses. The CST response requirements for an earthquake along the New Madrid fault would require that type of training as well.

The CST will participate in the SEMA exercise in Rolla on February 25th.

Scott identified they have six slots earmarked for Missouri regions to participate in the May National Response Center exercise in West Virginia. People would need to be there May 1-5. There are 2 slots for KS City, 2 St. Louis, and 2 for Region D. The training costs are paid, but local organizations would have to forego the remaining costs such as travel, housing, and food.

- 4) *EMS:* Mike Dawson explained they have three mass casualty trailers from the Missouri Hospital Association Grant process under Tier I. They are located at Cox, St. John's, and CMH. EMS will be in charge of these trailers at Cox and St. John's.

- 5) *Health Department*: Not present.
- e. Joye, who will retire April 1, was thanked for his support of the regional planning process.
7. Next Meeting: February 15, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at Springfield Fire Station 8 located at Scenic Avenue and Bennett Street in Springfield. This meeting will offer a “show-n-tell” of Springfield WMD/Hazmat equipment resources following the meeting.
8. March Meeting: March 15, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in Nevada. Location to be announced. This will be a “show-n-tell” session following the meeting of the Nevada area WMD Team equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Joye G. McElwee

Attendance Listing

David Compton, Barry County EMD
Bill Arington, Springfield Fire
Mike Eads, Neosho Fire
William P. Thornton Jr, Nevada Fire
Dan Whisler, Springfield Fire
Chris Berndt, Taney County EMA
Lynn Hollandworth, Republic Fire
Capt. Scott Zimmerman, 7th CST
Jimmy Sebree, Nixa Fire

Candace Adams, SEMA Regional Coordinator
Patty Head, Bolivar Fire
Mitch Randles, Joplin Fire
Keith Stammer, Joplin/Jasper EM
Joye McElwee, Spfld-Greene County OEM
Mike Dawson, Cox EMS
JB Lilley, Logan-Rogersville Fire
Richard May, Wal-Mart
Jim Perkins, Joplin Fire

Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2006
Springfield, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order by Chief Chris Berndt about 1:05 p.m.
2. The January 11, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. Chris asked for changes to the Agenda. None requested.

4. Old Business:

- a. Communications Committee: Meeting was held this morning. Main discussion involved regionalization and a regional plan, and public safety interoperability. Only two counties have yet to submit their frequency information—Barton and one that could not be recalled.
- b. NIMS: Training is being conducted in a number of counties. Most of the classes involve the 100 and 700.
- c. Overhead Teams: Jimmy Sebree explained that his committee met over lunch. Jimmie says he will take plans from Regions A and C and from them draft an Overhead Team plan for Region D. This draft he will get out to everyone so they can review and comment on it. He says the State Fire Marshal is working to rejuvenate teams and get them up and running.

Greg Hickman says he spoke with Drew Palmer at the Department of Conservation. They do not have enough people to support a team but is willing to open up their training efforts to us. A recommendation was made that the State Fire Marshal and Department of Conservation might need to get together on the Overhead Team issue.

- d. HSRT Steering Committee: Mitch Randles explained that the Committee members are awaiting the next draft documents from the group's efforts. Joye explained that he forwarded the new SOG, Decon for Weapons, and Decon Control Log, etc. to everyone on his email list. If someone did not receive these documents, let him know.
- a. Fennewald Invitation: Chris Berndt explained that Paul Fennewald, State Homeland Security Coordinator, had been invited to our meeting today, but he had a conflict as the Governor's Council is meeting today.
- e. Show-n-Tell: Springfield Fire will be showing us some of their WMD equipment after our meeting today.

5. **New Business:**

- a. Special Meeting April 12, 2006: Chris Berndt explained that on April 12, 2006 at the SMESO quarterly meeting, there will be a special presentation to SMESO attendees and the Southwest Missouri Commissioners. At 10 a.m. SEMA will make a presentation on Regionalization to members of both groups in a joint session. After the presentation, each group will separate into their groups for individual meeting. A box lunch will be served. This was the only way they could keep the cost for people reasonable. They will need to know how many are coming.

The meeting will be held at the Taney County Airport. Take US 65 south until it narrows to two lanes. The airport will be on your right. Normally you would pass the airport and make two right turns to enter. Since the road is under construction, there may be a special detour for access to the airport.

Chris sees the meeting on April 12 as an opportunity to tell County Commissioners about what we have accomplished

Joye indicated he can provide Chris with a PowerPoint presentation of the WMD equipment the teams have within the Region. He will complete it following the visit to Nevada on March 15.

- b. NFPA 472: Dan Whisler asked if anyone has reviewed the new proposed NFPA 472. It is extensive and more detailed than firefighter 1 & 2. Dan sees some departments having a terrible time meeting the requirements. He went on to explain that once an NFPA proposal reaches this stage it will normally become enacted. He sees the 472 standard being enacted within 2 years.

Jimmie Seebree indicated Firefighter 1 will no longer be Awareness Level but require Operations Level and possibly EMT certification. David Hoover explained in Missouri you are either licensed or not licensed as an EMT. No one knew whether Firefighter 1 would require the EMT to be licensed or rated as certified (non-licensed).

- c. HAZMAT Teams:

- a. Joplin: Conducting an Airport Exercise on March 29, 2006. It will give their WMD Team a chance to be involved in this exercise since it has to involve a WMD scenario. He believes the exercise will show that their WMD team members will be caught up in their daily response jobs and be unable to form as a team similar to what happened to Springfield's WMD Team members during the April 10, 2005 WMD exercise.

They have ordered SUV equipment and an armored personnel carrier for law enforcement.

Joplin is in the process of upgrading its 800 MHz radio system to digital. A part

of the \$3.5M project is the microwave link to Greene County's 800 TRS.

- b. Nevada: Nevada now has a new Fire Chief, Bill Jeffries.
 - c. L-R Fire: Teaching a Technician Class March 31, April 1, 2, 7, 8, 9. Those wanting slots should call L-R. A Region D Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator's meeting is planned for March 30th. Chief Stirts is coordinating this meeting.
 - d. Springfield: Dan explained that their new bomb truck should arrive on March 1.
 - e. Neosho: Two people in his department now hold national certification as ATV instructors. Greg says a chain saw team has been formed in Diamond, MO. He is getting ready to conduct decon training for his staff.
 - f. Western Taney County: Finished their 04 WMD Grant and is working on their 05 WMD Grant.
- 2) *Hospital Planner*: David Hoover explained that CMH, Cox, and St. John's now have Mass Casualty trailers. Two other trailers are on the way. These are surge capacity trailers equipped to support 100 people each.

A planning presentation was made to Cox VPs on January 30, 2005. Following the presentation, Cox released for the first time its emergency plan to the Emergency Management Office. St. John's should do the same soon. A similar presentation to St. John's senior management is anticipated.

Pandemic Workshops are planned for April 4 and April 11 (moved from March 20 and 23 respectively). These workshops, for now, involve the health community. Up to 200 or more people may be involved in these workshops.

- 3) *7th CST*: LT COL Rabenold explained that Region D has 2 slots to participate in the May 1-5 National Response Center exercise in West Virginia. The training costs are paid, but local organizations would have to forego the remaining costs such as travel, housing, and food. CAPT Scott Zimmerman was there last week and was very pleased. The May event will be primarily hands-on training.
- 4) *EMS*: None.
- 5) *Health Department*: Jaci McReynolds explained they are working with Emergency Management and hospitals to do Pandemic Flu planning. They are also working on the Strategic National Stockpile Exercise for June 14, 2006. There will be 5 sites tested in the Region: Springfield, Branson and the greater Joplin area were identified for now. Some of these communities will use multiple distribution points.

The February Risk Communications class for Elected Officials had to be cancelled but will be rescheduled in March.

- 6) *Law Enforcement:* Kevin Routh explained they had sent people to New Mexico for training in Mitigation and Response to Suicide Bombers.

They are sending 14 personnel to support the Rolla WMD Exercise on February 25, 2006.

Dan Whisler asked if their application for a Gator from US Tobacco had been passed by Council and whether US Tobacco had committed yet. Scott says he believes Council has approved it, but no commitment from US Tobacco has been received.

6. Next meeting: March 15, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in Nevada. Location is the Nevada Fire Department located at 120 S. Ash St. near McDonalds. You can take US 71 North to US 54. Take 54 west to Ash Street. This will be a “show-n-tell” session of the Nevada area WMD Team equipment.
7. April meeting: Taney County Airport, April 12, 2006. See the discussion about this meeting within the body of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Joye G. McElwee

Attendance Listing

Ken Baremore, ARES	Candace Adams, SEMA Regional Coordinator
Bill Arington, Springfield Fire	Patty Head, Bolivar Fire
Mike Eads, Neosho Fire	Mitch Randles, Joplin Fire
Robert Benn, Nevada Fire	Greg Hickman, Neosho Fire
Dan Whisler, Springfield Fire	Joye McElwee, Spfld-Greene County OEM
Chris Berndt, Taney County EMA	Mike Dawson, Cox EMS
Kevin Routh, Springfield Police Dept. SRT	Travis Trent, Logan-Rogersville Fire
LT COL Rabenold, 7 th CST	JB Lilley, Logan-Rogersville Fire
Jimmy Sebree, Nixa Fire	Jim Perkins, Joplin Fire
Steve Hoerning, Springfield Fire	David Hoover, Hospital Planner
Jaci McReynolds, Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.	

Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2006
Nevada, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order by Chief Chris Berndt about 1:15 p.m.
2. The February 15, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. Chris asked for changes to the Agenda. Added were as follows:
 - a. Rolla WMD Exercise
 - b. State Fire Mutual Aid
 - c. Joye's Retirement
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. Communications Committee: No meeting held today.
 - b. Overhead Teams: Jim Perkins asked if everyone had received the draft documents prepared and sent out by Jimmy Sebree. Joye had forwarded them to the Regional WMD/HAZMAT Planning Committee members on his email list as well. No comments have been received by those in attendance. Joye will send out an email asking that proposed changes be sent to Jim Perkins at jperkins@joplinmo.org. Gary Trulson has questions about 1) timeframe or operation period for the teams, 2) if the teams would be responsible for the cross over from response to recovery mode, and 3) when would they be stood up/down.
 - c. HSRT Steering Committee: No one could recall having had a meeting since February 15, 2006. There is a meeting beginning at 10 a.m. on March 28, 2005 at the State EOC in Jefferson City. Joye asked for an email from Bob Dopp on that meeting and sent it out following the meeting in Nevada. One representative of each discipline on each team should plan to attend according to that email. The meeting should end on or before 4 p.m.
 - d. Show-n-Tell: A show-n-tell of Nevada's equipment was held following the meeting.
 - e. Special Meeting April 12, 2006: Chris Berndt explained that on April 12, 2006 at the SMESO quarterly meeting, there will be a special presentation to SMESO attendees and the Southwest Missouri Commissioners. At 10 a.m. SEMA will make a presentation on Regionalization to members of both groups in a joint session. After the presentation, each group will separate into their groups for individual meeting. A box lunch will be served.

The meeting will be held at the Taney County Airport. Take US 65 south until it narrows to two lanes. Turn right at the first stop light on 65, then the next first right turn. Since the road is under construction, there may be a special detour for access to the airport.

Anyone wanting to display or demonstrate equipment at the meeting, please let Chief

Berndt know.

5. New Business:

- a. **Rolla WMD Exercise:** A lengthy discussion followed regarding pros and cons about the exercise. Although the exercise went fairly well, the following concerns were noted:
 - 1) Medical support to WMD/HAZMAT Team components: The EMS support to team members appeared wholly inadequate during the exercise. Support appeared to be limited to only those who could take vitals. We need a fully capable EMS component available for our team members and this should be considered should we ever be requested to send only some disciplines from our teams. The Branson/Taney County SWAT component took it a step further according to Chief Berndt—they would like to have the HAZMAT folks along as well to DECON them. There is a trust and relationship among team members that needs to be understood and supported. We may need to consider taking the whole team when we are asked to deploy outside our region and not just take only those components requested.
 - 2) Team Understanding of Other Team Capabilities: It was obvious the teams responding had never met before or had not discussed the capabilities of the teams involved. We are far ahead in our region in that regard. Scott Zimmerman, 7th CST explained that the Rolla team was brand spanking new. They have the right attitude but need support in helping them build the relationships in their region similar to what we have in Region D.
 - 3) Exercise or Real must be the same: We need to do the same things for exercises we would do for real world events.
 - 4) SEMA Duty Officer Training: The SEMA duty officers need to be trained on things such as how and what to request when seeking deployment of HSRTs. Taped conversations between the SEMA Duty Officer and Springfield-Greene County 911 were sent to SEMA regarding the calls on February 25th. As the 911 Call-taker went down their checklist to ensure they understood what was being requested, once the questions became more and more specific, it became obvious that the Duty Officer at SEMA did not have much depth of understanding of the HSRTs within the State.
 - 5) HSRTs not available if event is in Home Jurisdiction: Rolla has not realized as we learned in April 2004, that major events occurring in the jurisdiction of an HSRT essentially eliminates their ability to form and respond as a team. They are simply too busy with normal day-to-day response demands.
- b. **State Fire Mutual Aid:** A meeting was held last Saturday. It has become obvious that we are operating in regions within the State, but the Fire Mutual Aid runs by county. In Jimmy Sebree's documents he sent out, he uses the National Standards for Mutual Aid, but what standards the State's FMA system operates under is unknown.

There is also confusion now with the HSRT activations being accomplished with SEMA and the FMA under the Fire Marshal's office. The confusion comes in when you consider that when we respond under the FMA we are also taking equipment also used by HSRTs. HSRTs feel they must protect themselves by calling both for non-HSRT specific mutual aid request. It would be best if these two systems were merged, but whatever agency is the state-level activation authority, that agency must manage the process so that is efficient and effective.

- c. **Joye's Retirement:** Joye explained that Ryan Nicholls would continue to support the regional planning process the same as he has performed for nearly 4 years.
- d. **HAZMAT Teams:**
 - 1) Joplin: Has identified the need for a Mobile Command Vehicle and has applied to SEMA for funding. Projected costs are over \$400k.
 - 2) Nevada: Working on spending 04 and 05 WMD Grant funds. In the process of acquiring a new trailer.
 - 3) L-R Fire: Submitted the specs for items being purchased under the 05 WMD Grant. They have some folks going to Anderson for training.
 - 4) Springfield: New Bomb Truck arrived on March 1. They had a lighting system and generator added from the 05 WMD Grant. It has already been used for incidents in Willard and Buffalo, MO.
 - 5) Neosho: Still have some funds left from 2003 and 04 Grants to finish.
 - 6) Western Taney County: Working on their 05 WMD Grant and have modified their DECON trailer. They now have an emergency DECON capability on the front of the trailer, storage for 1,200 post-DECON garments, and new tents. All are housed on a single trailer. WTC HSRT wants to do a practice deployment of the team—activate and deploy to a location outside their jurisdiction so that they can practice convoying.
- e. **Hospital Planner:** Working on spending 03/04 monies. Trying to track down two trailers for support of up to 100 people for 6 days.
We are also involved in conducting a pandemic flu workshop for the medical community right now. The WS will involve participation of 5 area hospitals and the hospital in Bolivar, MSU, area clinics, and the health department. The State is also working on state-wide flu pandemic planning.

We are still trying to get communications antennas and equipment installed in hospitals. It is going far slower than anticipated.

Hospitals are working through the NIMS issue, trying to identify who needs what levels of training.

Looking at moving some WMD equipment from St. John's to Aurora. St. John's now has 4 lines for DECON.

- f. **7th CST:** CAPT Scott Zimmerman explained that Region D has 2 slots to participate in the May 1-5 National Response Center exercise in West Virginia. The names of those individuals are needed by early April.

He is working with Bob Patterson, St. John's EMS, to address training on the EMS push packs they received from SEMA. They are essentially level C ensembles. Scott says no training was provided by SEMA.

Wants to do another Region D exercise, possibly one at Hammon's Field in Springfield. Joye indicated Larry Woods is working on this possibility for October 2006.

The CST is anticipating doing an exercise in Branson with support from one of the teams in Arkansas.

- g. **EMS:** No one in attendance. A concern was raised that EMS is increasingly absent from these meetings.
 - h. **Health Department:** No one present.
 - i. **Law Enforcement:** No one present. Jim Perkins explained that the Joplin PD has added Yukons and a trailer to transport its support materials. They also have a Polaris Ranger and an armored vehicle (personnel carrier). All their equipment is black in color.
 - j. **Missouri DNR:** Wendall Hall indicated that his new partner starts on March 27th. He will bring him to the April 12th meeting in Branson.
6. Next Meeting: Taney County Airport, April 12, 2006 starting at 10 a.m. . Equipment displays should be open by 9:30 a.m. See the discussion about this meeting within the body of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Joye G. McElwee

Attendance Listing

Ryan Nicholls, Spfld-Greene County OEM
Joye McElwee, Spfld-Greene County OEM
Mike Eads, Neosho Fire
Bill Rawlings, Lamar Fire
Carl Sparks, Branson Fire
Chris Berndt, Taney County EMA
CAPT Scott Zimmerman, 7th CST
Rick Heinen, Lamar Fire
Phil Keim, Nevada Fire/Police

Jim Perkins, Joplin Fire
David Hoover, Hospital Planner
Dan Whisler, Springfield Fire
Greg Hickman, Neosho Fire
John Davis, Lamar Police
Travis Trent, Logan-Rogersville Fire
JB Lilley, Logan-Rogersville Fire
Larry Beatty, Barton Co. Ambulance
Billy Jefferies, Nevada Fire Chief

WMD Regional Planning Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Conducting:

Dan Whisler

Location:

Taney County Airport

The meeting was called to order by Chief Dan Whisler at 2:00 p.m.

The March 15, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as written.

No changes made to the proposed agenda.

Minutes

I. Old Business

A. Communications Committee Report

No meeting held by communications committee and there was no report to be given. Chief Whisler stated that interoperability is the direction given by the state and that it is important for the committee to continue. Challenges for current members identified.

Chief Whisler stated the retirement of Bill Arington effective Friday, who is being replaced by David Hall, Assistant Chief of Technical Services. Volunteers were requested for Communications Committee Chair. Mitch Randles identified to already be on the committee and agreed to help lead the committee.

B. ICS Overhead Team Committee Report

Overhead Team Report by Jim Perkins. After last meeting, email was sent out for comments regarding report for Overhead Teams. No comments were received.

Jimmy Sebree spoke with Rich, State Wide Mutual Aid Coordinator, regarding State Fire Marshall who wants to restructure with the existing Statewide Mutual Aid agreements. It is believed that no plan is currently in place. No direction has been given regarding the Mutual aid. Direction for the Overhead Team is dependent on the direction by the State Fire Marshall's Office. At a recent meeting at the Region D state wide meeting, Rich tried to get more involved with Region D by creating

sectors within our own county where people were more in charge of their county. Therefore, in the event of activation, there was one contact per county. That did not match with the papers submitted for Region D. Region D papers outlined more with HSRT teams.

Chief Whisler identified concerns with waiting on the State Fire Marshall's office to identify any changes. He recommended getting Rich involved in the Overhead Team Committee Report. It was recommended for JB to go to Rich to make sure that what was created in Region D did not go against their current thoughts. It was further discussed to invite Rich to an Overhead Team Committee meeting. To be pursued by JB.

C. State Homeland Security Regional Response Team Steering Committee

Nothing to report. No meeting for a while. State Fire Marshall has been present at meetings in past. Moving along very slow.

All resources are being put into a database. Fire Marshall opposes and has no interest.

Staffing at Fire Marshall State is challenged. Fire mutual aid instituted in 1991 and worked well for a while. However, over time, money and priorities caused deterioration and minimal updates to the plan. Since then there has been many changes across the state in technology, etc. which makes the plan even less effective.

There are different mutual aid agreements with SEMA, Fire Marshall, and HRST. The systems should not be independent. It would be best to have one system for all mutual aid.

II. New Business

A. Updates:

Joplin (Mitch): All but \$10,000 spent on WMD 2005 grant.

Logan-Rogersville (JB): Acquired new Rae system. Waiting on the gator.

Taney County (Chief Berndt): Going to do a drill with decontamination, patients, etc. on the 28th of April at Hospital.

Springfield (Chief Whisler): Has received RAE system, new x-ray for bomb squad, hook and line. Hazmat/WMD planning decontamination exercise. Full-scale airport exercise this summer.

For Greene County teams, it was requested by Ryan for everyone to submitted specifications for any remaining line items that have not been ordered. A handout identifying these items is available and will be given to each team member.

Branson Police Dept (Steve): WMD tactical operations course completed with representatives from Joplin, Springfield, Highway Patrol and local department.

Hospital Report (David): EMS not represented. He is coordinating pandemic flu planning among 5 hospitals in the Tier 1 region, public health, Jordan Valley Health Clinic, MSU, Taylor Health. Currently it is in progress to start writing a plan. Workshops have been held to bring all the groups together. The workshops proved very beneficial in helping participants recognize many of the potential problems involved with the pandemic flu.

Getting ready to put one of the mass causality trailers out at the airport.

7th CST (Zimmerman): 3 HazMat members from Region D are going to West Virginia for training. Recognized that AutoRAE equipment recently acquired by LR and Springfield can be synchronized to be automatically hooked in with CSTs equipment.

He identified the planning process again for an exercise at Hammons Field in Springfield. Date is still being discussed.

Recognized how advanced Region D is in their regional cooperation.

III. Other New Business

Question posed about who is going to represent HRST on the Regional Homeland Security Advisory Committee. The issue is to be put on next month's agenda to select a HRST representative on the new Regional Homeland Security Advisory team.

Discussion pursued regarding concerns with the new Regional Homeland Security Advisory Team.

- There is nothing coming from State Fire Marshall, Sheriff, Police, etc. People outside of region are going to be choosing committee representative.
- Sheriff's are going to get together to choose representative. Concern identified of not enough representation for both east and west side of region.
- State Fire Marshall's Office is choosing representative for Region D fire chief representative. Recommendations by Region D should be made to help guide the nomination process.
- Fire chiefs are on Region WMD committee but it does not represent Fire chiefs. Chief Compton (Republic) does sit on Fire Marshall advisory board and may be able to help with input to the State Fire Marshall's Office. *(Follow-up by Chief Berndt: He spoke with Randy Cole who stated that the region has to choose the Fire Representative to sit on committee).*
- Three fire chiefs' associations in Region D. Chris, Jimmy, and Andy to meet and discuss about Fire Chiefs' representative.

DNR (Wendall) update: David Pratt new on board.

IV. Next Meeting

May 10, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at Springfield Fire Station 8 located at 1405 S. Scenic. Reserved from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for subcommittees to use.

Meeting adjourned

Attendees:

Candace Adams
 Dorothy Sandgrun
 David Hall
 Dan Whisler
 Chris Berndt
 David Pratt
 Dana Aumiller
 Jeff Hawkins
 Wendell Hall

Mitch Randles
 JB Lilley
 Jimmy Sebree
 Jim Perkins
 Scott Zimmerman
 Lynn Hollandworth
 David Hoover
 Steve Lisby
 Ryan Nicholls

WMD Regional Planning Meeting

MINUTES
May 10, 2006
2:00 p.m.

Conducting:

Chris Berndt, Dan Whisler

Location:

Springfield Fire Station #8: 1405 S. Scenic (Reserved from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for sub-committees)

Agenda Items

I. Old Business

A. Communications Committee Report

No meeting has taken place. 911 is having meeting tomorrow, May 11th, to nominate for regional representative. At that time, Interoperability Committee is expected be reorganized. This meeting is to take place at Greene County EOC.

B. ICS Overhead Team Committee Report

Overhead Team training meeting is scheduled in Boone County on September 11 - 17.

The three (3) IMT teams that are trying to be done across the state at a Level 3, two (2) are being funded through funding for Kansas City and St. Louis and the third one is being funded by SEMA. There is question on how the teams will be formed. Most likely the Kansas City and St. Louis teams will be support by personnel from those respected areas. The organization of the SEMA team is unknown. State Fire Marshall Randy Cole encouraged everyone to make contact with SEMA and request representatives on the SEMA team. Eight (8) to twelve (12) seats are being held for additional representatives.

Mike White interested in assisting to help coordinate. He was putting together regional documents and ICS forms for that document. Mike can coordinate getting twelve (12) representatives.

Motion made (Mitch, David) for Mitch to approach Mike White and request he serve as the coordinator for the regional representatives on the State IMT teams. All approved

Contact: micheal.white@rmfd.org; 624-2715

Candy is to check with Department of Public Safety about teams.

C. State Homeland Security Regional Response Team Steering Committee

Nothing to report.

II. New Business

A. Representative nomination for Homeland Security Oversight Committee

HSRT is part of the Committee by the funding is separate from other Homeland Security Grant funding.

Handouts distributed regarding the meeting for the Oversight Committee on May 22nd. Meeting is to be held at MSU Plaster Student Union 3rd Floor Ballroom from 9a.m. to 12 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to have representatives from all disciplines on the Committee. This meeting is separate from the first Committee meeting which is on June 1st.

Nominations opened. Mitch (Dan W., Jimmy); JB (Dan W., Jimmy); Dan (Jimmy, David)

Nominations closed

Elections: Mitch: 11/16 Majority wins. Mitch will ask alternate to site in as needed

Addition:

Base-X decon. tents purchased by state. The company was questioned about free training. A representative from the company went to Taney County to assist in training on tent. Cards passed out for contact person of the company.

Question raised about Civil Support Team (CST) representative on the Homeland Security Oversight Committee. Motion was made (Dan, Mitch) that Captain Zimmerman be contacted for CST to be represented as an ex-officio position on the committee. To be done Candy.

Region D Ex-officio members identified by Candy.

- DFS: Bill Zieres
- DHSS: Diane Smith
- DNR: Wendell Hall
- MSHP: Capt. John Prine
- MSWP: Capt. Gary Haupt
- MoDOT: Jim McDiarmid
- MDA: Dr. Larry Forey
- SEMA: Candy Adams

B. Updates as Available

- 1) HazMat Teams

- 2) Law Enforcement
- 3) EMS
- 4) 7th CST
- 5) Health Department
- 6) Hospital Planner
- 7) Ann Ratliff, Dept. of Homeland Security Law Enforcement

David (Springfield Fire): Working on WMDs. The Department is running 8 hour Hazmat days.

Mitch (Joplin Fire): Finishing grants.

JB (LR Fire): Training in Alabama and in West Virginia with Zimmerman. Eight (8) responders attended

Chris (Taney County Fire): Two (2) went to training also. Wet Decon drill completed at hospital.

Mike D. (Cox Health EMS): Finishing grants.

Bob (St. Johns EMS): Finishing grants. Would like to activate EMS in any drill opportunities.

Kevin T. (Taney County EMS): HazMat EMS Ops class for end of July.

Karen (Greene County Health Department): Flyers for SNS exercise. Overview of 5 regional PODs.

David (Regional Medical Planner): Hospitals getting ready for SNS exercise. Working on establishing closed PODs. Three (3) primary hospitals are participating (Skaggs, Cox, St. Johns) in exercise. Table top scheduled for May 18th with MSU. Hospitals have received approval to buy surge capacity trailers, designed to keep patients outside of hospital. Trailers are equipped for 100 pts, for 6 days. There are seven (7) counties in the region with no hospitals or federally qualified care center. Two (2) trailers are in Springfield and one (1) in Joplin. Joplin is also getting one (1) maybe two (2) mass causality trailers.

Ann Ratliff (DHS): No report

David Pratt (DNR): Wendall is ex-officio for DNR and David P is secondary.

Operation Homecoming: Same time as SNS exercise. Federal side of DMAT dropped out. It will be located in Christian County in Highlandville. No local level planning going on due to constant change.

June 1 and 2: Special Events planning course centered around Operation Homecoming.

III. Other New Business

Cardinals exercise. Put off until 2007

Conversation with City Utilities: Dade County going to call Joplin. Joplin will coordinate with Springfield.

Southern Stone County with HazMat trailer. They formed a team following an incident but has since dissolved. Monett may have some trained personnel also.

Discussion to initiate formal invitations to smaller HazMat teams to be involved with WMD planning group. Encouragement for all members to get the word out on WMD planning meetins.

Mitch: Proposal to have meetings every other month for summer. (Mike D. Second)

IV. Next Meeting

July 12, 2006 Greenfield location WMD meeting at **9:00 a.m.** at Moms Restaurant

ATTENDANCE:

Dan Whisler: Springfield Fire

Chris Berndt: Taney County Fire/Emergency Management

Lynn Hollandworth: Republic Fire

David Hall: Springfield Fire

JB Lilley: LR Fire

David Pratt: MDNR

Ann Ratliff: DHS, Federal Private Service

Kevin Tweedy: Taney Co. Amb. District

Bob Patterson: St. Johns EMS

Candace Adams: SEMA

Patty Head: Bolivar City Fire

Jimmy Sebree: Nixa Fire

Mitch Randles: Joplin Fire

Mike Dawson: Cox Health

Steve Hoerning: Springfield FD

Dennis Clinton: LR Fire

Karen McKinnis: Springfield/Greene Co. Health Department

David Hoover: Ozark Health Ventures

Ryan Nicholls: Springfield/Greene County Office of Emergency Management

WMD Regional Planning Meeting

MINUTES
July 12, 2006
9:00 a.m.

Conducting:
Chris Berndt

Location:
Mom's Country Kitchen, Greenfield

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order 9:05 a.m.
2. Introductions

I. Old Business

- A. Invitations to smaller HazMat teams

No comments

- B. Communications Committee Report

JR Webb was voted as the 911 representative on the Homeland Security Oversight Committee (HSOC), which met on May 22nd.

A discussion on comparisons of different communication committees that exist, including HSOC 911 representative and the Communications Committee. It was suggested that these committees work together to avoid duplication efforts.

- C. ICS Overhead Team Committee Report

Mike White is willing to serve as coordinator. IMT teams are not off the ground yet. UASI groups are forming their own teams. One Central Missouri Regional team will come out of SEMA. It is still unknown what eligibility will be for a team in our area.

Randy Cole is leading effort at the State level. There are many challenges and questions with IMT right now statewide. It does not appear to be progressing very well due to many unknowns.

An IMT regional concept has been constructed for Region D that mirrored the old Overhead Teams of Region A and C. This can be utilized as a base for Region D. This was sent to the region mutual aid coordinator with no feedback received.

Question proposed to run IMT through WMD Committee or SMESO. Use of various responders and Emergency Managers for multiple functionalities on the IMT was discussed and generally supported.

Brief overview given of IMT. IMT put together at 5 levels of ICS and build a team in each division. These teams can be deployed in an incident and ASSIST the county in need.

Discussion on how to implement regionally. Strongly recommended to institute under SMESO.

Motion to start regionally. (Mitch, David C.) Motion carried.

D. State Homeland Security Regional Response Team Steering Committee

Question raised and discussion pursued on actual Committee structure.

E. Homeland Security Oversight Committee

Friday July 14 is first meeting.

Suggestion for Harold Bengsch to attend WMD and SMESO meetings regarding HSOC.

II. New Business

A. Updates as Available

1) HazMat Teams

Mitch R. (Joplin): Finishing 05 money.

David Hall (Springfield): Finishing money.

Greg H. (Neosho): Finishing 05 money.

Chris B (Taney County): Nothing new to report, also finishing 05 money.

Wendell H. (DNR): Mercury vapor analyzer now on response vehicle.

2) Law Enforcement

Joplin: Midway through certification for SWAT team.

Water Patrol: Certification on NIMS Training

3) EMS

Cox: New Communication equipment. Ozark Ventures has helped with modifying vehicle to pull trailers.

4) 7th CST

Integration in region D is strongest. SOP template is based on experience with region D. Region D HSRT's are the most organized in State.

5) Health Department

SNS exercise was done on June 14th with 4 Point Of Dispensing (POD) sites regionally. 1,123 patients done in 1.5 hours for 2 of the PODs. Statistics and reports still being compiled. ICS was greatly challenged.

6) Hospital Planner

Hospitals participated in SNS also. There is a lack of understanding on the communications capabilities that currently exists in the area.

Currently working on creating regional health plan. A draft plan is now in place. The plan follows the regional focus.

Some money has been dedicated by Missouri Hospitals Association for a regional EOC. Discussion on purpose and role regional EOC would play. It was decided that the center would serve primarily a "Regional Resource Center" role, focused in planning and logistics.

Additional cross-band repeaters have been ordered. Currently looking into patient tracking devices.

7) Ann Ratliff, Dept. of Homeland Security Law Enforcement

No report.

III. Other New Business

Tom Mohr with the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) was called about funding for 2006 for HSRT. Local teams can expect a 1/3 funding cut based on the 2005 funding.

IV. Next Meeting

September 20, 2006 at Station 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Chris Berndt	Jim Marlin	Debbie Cornell	David McCann
Ryan Nicholls	Keith Stammer	Bonnie Witt-	David Hoover
Harold Golabski	Jimmy Sebree	Schutte	Donna Gordon
David Compton	Lynn Hollandworth	Lane Walden	JD Slaughter
Mike Dawson	Bill Rawlings	David Hall	Karen McKinnis
Jess Taylor	Tom Ryan	John Cooper	Mitch Randles
Mike Rowe	Wendell Hall	Dorothy Sandgren	Sloan Rowland
Candace Adams	David Pratt	Greg Hickman	Pat Blevins
Scott Zimmerman		Eric Story	Bob Kitsmiller

WMD Regional Planning Meeting

MINUTES

September 20, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Conducting:

Chris Berndt, Dan Whisler

Location:

Fire Station # 8, Springfield

Agenda Items

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting D. Hall; P. Head
2. Introductions

I. Old Business

A. Communications Committee Report

Statement made that the WMD Communications Committee will merge with HSOC Communications Committee. Discussion pursued on question whether HSRT Communications Committee needed. It was started with Cross-Band Repeaters review etc.

It was recommended to move a regional communications report from the HSOC Communications Committee to "Updates" on WMD Regional Planning Committee agenda.

SIEC (State Interoperability Executive Committee): Purpose is to outline an overall communications plan for state. The committee is looking toward a state-wide communications system. The idea is to work with current systems in place, i.e. Springfield, Kansas City, St. Louis. It is estimated to cost around \$400 million for a state wide system.

B. ICS Overhead Team Committee Report

Eight people from Region D scheduled for the training on October 2, 2006 – October 8, 2006.

Suggested that some RHSOC funding could support the regional ICS Overhead team.

Recommended to move committee report to "Updates" on this agenda.

C. Homeland Security Oversight Committee

Region D has been allocated \$1.6 million. Region D has the most counties in the State. Assessment included size, risk analysis, capabilities, etc.

Four “investment” areas to spend money:

1. Interoperability
2. Agro-terrorism
3. Mass Care, including sheltering, feeding
4. Donations and volunteers

HSRT and Law Enforcement will get their own money.

Suggestions were given by the State on how to spend money, i.e. contracting with someone to take care of # 3 and #4 to create space for those areas. Agro-terrorism is definitely a need for the region with Joplin having the largest stockyard in the nation.

Discussion pursued on “mass care” needs including long-term sheltering, etc. Next RHSOC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27th at 2 p.m. at Nixa fire station #1 (711 North Main). This is a special meeting for working groups to help begin setting priorities. October 19 is next official meeting for RHSOC.

Suggestion was given from the state to create subcommittees on the four investment areas, overseen by RHSOC.

A regional plan on spending the money needs to be submitted by end of January. Money in 2007 will be guided by FEMA in 15 different areas.

HSRT Update: Tom Mohr reported that funding will be cut for each team. We should know within 2 weeks.

II. New Business

A. Updates as Available

1) HazMat Teams

Logan- Rogersville: Working with Springfield on Area RAEs and compability. 7th CST has been a great help.

Taney County: No new report

Springfield: Take delivery of new HazMat truck and trailer.

Completing 8 hour drills. Underground drill done with 7th CST. Working with bomb squad with on-going training. Two scheduled for 6 week bomb training

Neosho: No report

2) Law Enforcement

Springfield Police: No report

3) EMS

No report

4) 7th CST

National Guard planning for New Madrid is main focus. State and National Guard earthquake plan done for integration of CST.

Please let CST know of any HazMat training going on in the different areas. With past concentration on WMD, it was recommended to have a good conventional hazmat drill.

DoD and FEMA have identified Ft. Wood as the hub for federal assets in a New Madrid incident.

Decon training on Oct. 4th. It was done in Lees Summit for 2 days and was successful. CST would like to offer this “symposium” for Region D. Grizzly’s parking lot at Battlefield and Kansas was given as a proposed location.

Additional training to be completed with LR and Rolla at Springfield Underground.

5) Health Department

Flu vaccinations should be available soon. Pandemic planner hired to do planning for Greene County. Also another Bioterrorism planner hired.

Health Department has restructured at the local level and is no longer “regional”. Every county has their own contract to do BT planning at their own discretion.

Jacki McReynolds (PIO) and Rebecca Ray (Volunteer Coordinator) are still serving Region D.

6) Hospital Planner

Missouri Hospital Association disaster equipment fair will be in Springfield on October 17th.

7) Dept. of Homeland Security Law Enforcement

8) DNR

Dept of Agriculture: Just finished 3 additional county plans for agro-terrorism in the region. DNR expected to have major role in agro-terrorism events.

Concentrating on own state-wide environmental response team due to increased ethanol plants and transport across the state. Established own ethanol training. It was encouraged for HazMat team members to be aware of ethanol response training. Alcohol content will require different kind of response.

Soil scientists and others in DNR have been doing soil mapping and typing across the state. This digital data can create maps to help county planners to look at suitable soils for animal disposal. County leaders are responsible for identifying sites for disposal (public lands, state/conservation lands, etc). If disease identified, a “stop movement” order will be implemented for all animals. Such an order is likely to be a state-wide order. Potential public sites include fairgrounds, smaller airports, conservation areas, etc. USDA is also working with producers to identify disposal areas on-site.

B. 4th Quarter SMESO meeting review

Will be held October 11th at 9:30 a.m. Overview given of SMESO’s relation with RHSOC and the support role that it hopes to play. It was encouraged for everyone to attend and participate in the SMESO meetings.

III. Other New Business

IV. Next Meeting

October 11, 2006 13:00

Participants

JR Webb	Greene County 911
David Hall	Springfield Fire
Candace Hall	SEMA
Karen McKinnis	Springfield/Greene County Health
Lynn Hollandworth	EMD Republic
Timothy Melton	LR Fire
Shea Lane	Springfield Police
Ann Ratliff	DHS, Fed. Protective Service
Scott Zimmerman	7 th CST
Andrew Katen	Greene County OEM
Ryan Nicholls	Greene County OEM
Patty Head	Bolivar Fire
Wendell Hall	MDNR
Chris Berndt	Taney County EMA
Dan Whisler	Springfield Fire
Greg Hickman	Neosho
Jimmy Sebree	Nixa Fire

WMD Regional Planning Meeting

MINUTES

October 10, 2006

1:00 p.m.

Conducting:

Chris Berndt, Dan Whisler

Location:

Ryan's Steak House, Springfield

Minutes

1. Minutes from previous meeting approved
2. Introductions

I. Old Business

A. Homeland Security Oversight Committee

Everyone has had meetings except agro-terrorism.

1) Interoperability Subcommittee

Will be having their second meeting today (10-12-06). Mitch identified that he was chair of the committee and J.R. Webb is co-chair. The committee is currently looking into a Communications Vehicles (one on each side of the Region). The committee is also looking at Microwave regional coverage, primarily along the I-44 Corridor.

2) Agro-terrorism Subcommittee

Have not met yet.

3) Mass Care, including sheltering & feeding

David Hoover recognized that he was the chair of the committee and Rick Lewis is co-chair. The primary issues are identifying where shelters need to be and equipment needed to support. Considerations to hire someone to do the work. Citizen protection was not considered and Special Needs group are a high concern.

4) Donations and Volunteers

The Committee is looking to have an ID badge system in every county with bar code. This would create a Universal ID system for accountability.

II. New Business

A. Regional/WMD HazMat Plan/Regional Communications Plan

Ryan identified that the last Regional WMD/HazMat Plan was put together last November 2005. There is also a regional Communications Plan drafted by Al Campbell. As an annual update, it was recommended to review and modify the plan as needed. Andrew Katen with Greene County OEM will coordinate the plan review and update. An outline with consideration points for plan review was distributed to all the members. It was requested that detailed discussion be done at the next meeting regarding both plans.

The Regional WMD plan is being used by local areas in their EOPs. It was recommended that the Communications Plan be part of the Regional WMD plan if it addresses communications among regional Homeland Security Response Teams.

B. Updates as Available

1) Regional Communications Report

Summarized in Interoperations Subcommittee report

2) Regional IMT Report

Jimmy discussed about the seven representatives from Region D that attended the seven day All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) training in Jefferson City.

It is recommended that Region D work on establishing a Type 4 team. The 5 types described. The State is still working on policies, etc. for the three Type 3 level teams. Southwest Missouri may or may not be a part of those teams. Mike White has put together a preliminary SOG document for the team. It is still under review.

It has been suggested that funds from the RHSOC be used for regional AHIMT training. If the team wants to go to a Type 3 level, it is necessary for all team members to attend the AHIMT followed by position specific training course and a shadow period with a level 1 or 2 team.

It was discussed that IMT might fit under Interops. or Citizen Protection.

3) HazMat Teams

- Chris B. (Taney County): Participated in decon. exercise at Grizzly's with Springfield and several others.

Week of Jan. 22 – 26 will be training with 7th CST at Welks Resort in Branson. Training will need to involve other teams as well. The training will go on regardless of weather. Training activities will be primarily on the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of that week. It was recognized that Jan. 25th is the quarterly RHSOC meeting.

- Dan W. (Springfield): Participated at Grizzly's decon exercise. Springfield Bomb Squad and dog responded to the Joplin incident this week. Also participated in exercises at the Underground with 7th CST.
- Shea L. (Logan-Rogersville): Participated at Grizzly's decon exercise. Also participated in exercises at the Underground with 7th CST.
- Carl S. (Branson): Participated at Grizzly's decon exercise.
- Jim P (Joplin): Participated at Grizzly's decon exercise.

Base X tent issues discussed. Middle non ambulatory line gets wet. Compability issues also exists between tents.

Discussion on training date for HazMat IRs from company representative. November 8th, 9 a.m. is tentative date and time for refresher training.

- Neosho: No report

4) Law Enforcement

- No presence

5) EMS

- No report

6) 7th CST

- No report

- 7) Health Department
 - No report
- 8) Hospital Planner
 - Working on regional plans for health with focus on communications for hospital.
 - New trailers. Trauma/communications trailer for Joplin. Question about response procedures for trailer.
 - Oct 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. is a regional equipment fair to display recent purchases by regional hospitals. It will be held at Holiday Inn on North Glenstone
- 9) Dept. of Homeland Security Law Enforcement

III. Other New Business

Chris B. followed up with Tom Mohr on HSRT funds. He was unable to provide any update and indicated possible changes in allocation procedures.

Rolla After-Action Report distributed to HSRT leaders. Encouraged to review and provide any comments to SEMA.

IV. Next Meeting

November 8, 2006. Time and location TBA.

Participants

Chris Berndt	Taney County Fire/EM
Dan Whisler	Springfield Fire
Jimmy Sebree	Nixa Fire
David Hall	Springfield Fire
Lynn Hollandworth	Republic Fire/EMD
Jim Perkins	Joplin Fire
Mitch Randles	Joplin Fire
Mike Eads	Neosho Fire
Keith Stammer	Joplin/Jasper EMA
Larry Beatty	Barton Co. Ambulance District
David Hoover	Region D Hospital/Planner
Candace Adams	SEMA
Kent Vanderpool	Taney County EMS/EMA
Carl Sparks	City of Branson
Shea Lane	Logan-Rogersville HazMat (HSRT)
Dorothy Sandgren	SMCOG
Andrew Katen	Greene County OEM
Ryan Nicholls	Greene County OEM

WMD Regional Planning Meeting

MINUTES

November 8, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Conducting:

Chris Berndt, Dan Whisler

Location:

Springfield, Fire Station 8

Agenda Items

1. Minutes from previous meeting approved
2. Introductions

I. Old Business

A. Homeland Security Oversight Committee

1) Interoperability Subcommittee:

J. Perkins: Need to select a second alternate for HSRT representation on RHSOC. Mitch is current representative with Chief Whisler as primary alternate. Greg Hickman (J. Perkins, J. Sebree) nominated. Unanimous

4 top projects identified:

- Communication Vehicles
- 800 MHZ Microwave link along I-44 Corridor
- Incident Management Team (IMT)
- Region D Multi-Agency Coordination Center.

All projects total \$950,000.

2) Agro-terrorism Subcommittee

The subcommittee is currently meeting.

C. Berndt: The Department of Agriculture has already met with County Emergency Managers and other private individuals. They would like to contract with an individual to meet with producers and others to continue education and planning related to agro-terrorism.

3) Mass Care, including sheltering & feeding

D. Hoover: Subcommittee has been discussing primarily doing coordination between groups that will be doing shelter management. It is not medical care, but strictly sheltering operations. Pieces include special needs and other groups that need extra attention. Need to identify facilities and coordinate which ones will be available and who will coordinate the management.

Length of position is questionable and dependent on future grant funding. CERT funding is also being considered by this group.

4) Donations and Volunteers

C. Berndt: The committee is discussing the purchase of ID badge system for each county in Region D. The system can make new ID badges very quickly, utilizing information from a driver's license. The system also has Data Management Software to assist in accountability. The data is web-based allowing all counties to share volunteer information if volunteers assist in other counties.

II. New Business

A. Regional/WMD HazMat Plan; Regional Communications Plan

R. Nicholls: Copies of November 2005 draft plan distributed. Recommended that a subcommittee review the plan and recommend changes to Committee. One representative from each team will serve on the subcommittee. Subcommittee will review Regional/WMD HazMat Plan and Regional Communications Plan.

B. Updates as Available

1) Regional Communications Report

No report

2) Regional IMT Report

J. Sebree: 7 members have been trained from this region. Missouri is utilizing Region D's SOGs for State Teams. There are three state Type 3 teams. It is planned to put a Type 4 team in each region. The State Teams are planning a New Madrid Earthquake drill in June. Additional regional members needed to support the team.

3) HazMat Teams

LR: Participated in training with 7th CST

Neosho: Pandemic flu tabletop coming up at end of the month. There are currently several members of the team participating in out of state training.

Joplin: Participated in tabletop exercise that was tied to hospital full-scale for decontamination.

Taney: Participated in meeting to discuss different software for plume modeling creation, etc. General committee discussion on software used by others. Joplin uses Marplot and Aloha. In coordination with 7th CST, Adashi is the model found to be most applicable.

Springfield: Coordinated in Presidential visit.

4) Law Enforcement

SRT: Troy Smith is taking over for Dan Schrader.

5) EMS

Cox: Finishing After Action Report for Airport Exercise.

Taney County: Tabletop coming up with Health Dept. They met with DMAT to have DMAT strike teams go with HSRT.

Health and Senior Services working on surge capacity for hospitals.

6) 7th CST

S. Zimmerman: Introduced Juan Gallego who is the other primary contact for Region D.

7) Health Department

No report

8) Hospital Planner

D. Hoover: Primarily working on regional plans and feeding the plans with resource information. Also working on creating regional communications' plans for the hospitals.

Equipment fair was done last month which showed several pieces of equipment from hospitals. There are 16 more trauma trailers with communications equipment throughout the state. Hospitals own the trailers but they are available to be used by EMS. Current planning is underway on how the trailers will be activated, etc.

9) Dept. of Homeland Security Law Enforcement

No report

III. Other New Business

IV. Next Meeting

December 13, 2006
10:00 a.m. at Station 8, Springfield

Attendance:

Chris Berndt	Western Taney County Fire
Dan Whisler	Springfield Fire
Ryan Nicholls	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Kevin Routh	Springfield Police
Jim Perkins	Joplin Fire
Scott Zimmerman	7 th CST
Juan Gallego	7 th CST
Jimmy Sebree	Nixa Fire District
Lynn Hollandworth	Republic OEM/Fire
Mike Eads	Neosho Fire
Greg Hickman	Neosho Fire
Dennis Clinton	LR Fire Protection District
Kevin Tweedy	Taney County Ambulance District
Mike Dawson	Cox Health EMS
Travis Trent	LR Fire Protection District
David Hoover	Regional Hospital Coordinator

WMD Regional Planning Meeting

MINUTES

December 13, 2006

10:05 a.m.

Conducting:

Chris Berndt

Location:

Springfield, Fire Station 8

Agenda Items

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (J. Sebree, David Hoover)
2. Introductions

I. Old Business

A. Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee update

Berndt: 4 subcommittees are working on projects. Next meeting is December 20, 2006. Projects proposed appear to be regional focus and in compliance with what the State wants.

Region D is leading the effort in agro-terrorism preparedness. The Communications subcommittee is truly compiling regional projects that should benefit everyone. Volunteer and Mass Care, focused on sheltering needs, is working on credentialing which may be applied to a State-wide focus.

II. New Business

A. Region D HSRT Representative to Jefferson City

Berndt: Several attended recent meeting in Jefferson City. Region D was well represented. The funding for CBRNE response has been reduced. The State currently has 28 teams. In the past, teams got \$150,000 or \$75,000 per team depending on size. This year there is \$2.65 million for all teams in the. State is considering adding more teams. Another meeting was scheduled for the 19th with a representative from each region. David Hall was nominated at the meeting to represent Region D. One big emphasis the State is pushing our team bomb squads.

Whisler: When program was started 7 years ago, bomb squad capabilities were required. Missouri capabilities assessment at the meeting did not have any bomb squad noted in Southwest Missouri. Bomb squad has been here for 30 years. HSRT qualifications have changed. The current funds

will have difficulty sustaining current teams, much less enhancing current teams or bringing on additional teams. The State will have difficulty focusing on bomb squads in respect to all the current maintenance needs of the existing teams. The representative at the next meeting is to answer several questions regarding Region's current capabilities. The State is looking for communities to sustain their teams.

Berndt: State asked several times for communities to consider sustaining their own teams.

Whisler: Kansas City and St. Louis are also part of the recipients of the \$2.65 million even though they also have UASI funds.

Berndt: If the teams are supported by local funds, then there are a lot of questions about how and where the teams will respond. How can one city justify sending their locally funded team to other local jurisdictions?

B. Regional needs for sustainment

Berndt: Question asked, "Does every team need to be everything?"

Chief Whisler mentioned considerations at State to consolidate teams. Springfield currently has six (6) bomb technicians. Replacements in bomb schools are 12-18 months away. Suggestion made to have bomb technicians trained in other parts of the region to address small issues and support bomb team when activated.

Discussion on pressing needs of teams. Suggestion to use RHSOC Citizen Protection funds for bomb technicians. All teams need to have list of team needs for sustainment or enhancement to David Hall by 17:00 on Monday, December 18, 2006. It is necessary to differentiate between sustainment and enhancement. Region D is ahead of the other regions because it has already used a lot of its HSRT funds in supporting the bomb squad, which is now what the State is asking others to do.

Sebree: Idea presented on consolidating teams would allow small agencies, currently not part of HSRT, to participate and support the HSRT in personnel and possibly equipment, on a limited scale.

Comparison made of other teams, USAR, that follow a similar concept of gathering resources from diverse areas, bringing them together when needed. The concept is a good one but cooperation is required and that could be challenging for Southwest Missouri. Additional support spoken by Republic of supporting HSRTs with resources from other agencies not currently involved. USAR team works because it is run by one organization which keeps the team going in training, deployment, etc. The

regional concept could work but it would be very challenging to organize unless one organization spearheads the process.

Discussion on original concept from State of having two full teams and other Forward teams or reconnaissance teams to assess the situation and request full teams as needed. Regional evaluation could determine how many and where forward teams could be most effective.

It was encouraged for David to address the issue of UASI teams taking portions of the State funds.

Whisler: The State could greatly benefit to have local responders and local personnel on their staff to truly understand the concerns and challenges at the local level.

Discussion noted on all changes that have occurred state-wide in the past 5 years. When the administration changed, the SEMA 5-year strategy plan changed. Support by A.J. Lehmen on regional concept of primary teams and forward teams. Changes in policies and strategies have been affected by administration changes, politics, and shrinking of grant funds.

Berndt: Important to focus on things we can do things about.

MERC has been given tasks as administrative agency over HSRTs. Suggestion made by Berndt that Bob Dopp be invited to regional planning meeting.

Discussion on the State strategy for HSRTs. The strategy changes every year by the Federal government. Changes come every year with the grant application for the State. The State has to write the grant to be competitive against all other States. Mark James sets the direction for the State through the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

C. Medical Advisory subcommittee; Anthrax Vaccination

Berndt: There was a presentation at meeting in Jefferson City regarding vaccination of responders, etc. There was a debate at the meeting over vaccination funding. Suggestion for subcommittee to discuss what teams need in regards to vaccination. Discussion on smallpox and anthrax vaccination issues.

D. Weapons decontamination

There is a PowerPoint presentation to be mailed out soon by the State regarding weapons decontamination.

E. Change in HSRT's SOPs

Handouts given of HSRT SOGs. All even pages missing in handout. Electronic copy to be emailed to everyone. Question raised on training class identified as NIMS 1300.

Communications and use of MTAC channel discussed. This is the common frequency initially to be utilized by teams to establish formal communications between teams. Several of the communication procedures outlined are lessons learned from a recent state exercise.

F. Chairman nominations

Nominations and elections proposed to be done at the next meeting. Nominations for both Chair and Vice-Chair are to be sent to Ryan and names will be submitted in next month's agenda. Written ballots to be done in January.

G. Updates as Available

1) Regional Communications Report

Meeting today following HSRT meeting. No new items from committee.

2) Regional IMT Report

Mike White and Ernie Rhodes are writing SOP for State. Randy Cole requested that the Type III and the Type IV SOPs be separated into two different documents.

3) HazMat Teams

Joplin: No new report. HazMat response for poisonous chemical spill.

Neosho: No new report.

Nevada: No new report.

LR: Did respond to Pleasant Hope for air monitoring.

Springfield: Monthly training. No new report.

Taney County: Drill in January with 7th CST in Branson. Three days long. Currently looking for another team to participate.

4) Law Enforcement

Springfield PD: No new report.

5) DNR

Pleasant Hope response and Joplin Petro response.

6) EMS

Cox: Tour bus incident which allowed practice of MCI skills. EMS system utilized, which notified hospitals of incident and received information back from hospitals on patient number capabilities.

Mass Causality trailer on site for viewing by anyone interested.

St. Johns. No new report.

Western Taney County: No new report.

7) 7th CST

The team will not be able to attend January meeting. David Boyle is the new commander of team. January 18th is reception for new commander.

Team is doing exercise on January 23, 24, and 25 in Taney County with Oklahoma team at the Welk Resort.

8) Health Department

Faith-based symposium hosted in November. The Department is pushing pandemic flu planning throughout Greene County.

Flu cases up from past years. Vaccinations are still available.

9) Hospital Planner

For hospital disaster preparedness, they have identified Chempac sites throughout State. Office is currently working on identifying acute care centers outside of hospitals to help take care of patients.

Hospitals are working together on pandemic flu planning.

Surge capacity updates to be conducted next year.

10) Dept. of Homeland Security Law Enforcement

To be removed from agenda.

III. Other New Business

AJ Lehmen: The State has completed HSRT exercises in Rolla (13) and Mariville (7). Teams were challenged to travel on the road which brought a lot of issues in regards to transportation. Communications were greatly challenged in Mariville which helped resolve many issues.

The State would like to hold an exercise event for the remaining eight HSRTs in the State. A 30-acre piece of property has been identified at Lake of the Ozarks for the event. Potential date is August 2007. The region needs to identify a scenario that is complicated enough to challenge a regional environment and require a coordinate response. The exercise would qualify as an EMPG exercise. Integration of DMAT is being considered. A planning team will be necessary, with representatives from each team and ideally a representative for the different disciplines.

IV. Next Meeting

January 10, 2007 after SMESO meeting, 13:00 at Dancy's Restaurant, 1150 Spur Drive (south of I-44, exit 100).